

MENTORING PROGRAM

With the support and backing of the initial eight corporations we launched a “Veteran Business Mentoring Program”, which includes a NVBDC Veteran Advisory Board member managing the initial administration and vetting program. As this endeavor grows, we will focus on identifying the younger SD/VOBs and getting them enrolled. The veteran enrollment and corporate selection process has begun and continues to expand.

INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES

In 2019 we announced our intent to become international via the US ex-pats running business in various countries around the world. We are proud to announce that we have a signed reciprocal agreement with the Inclusive Workplace and Supply Council of Canada (IWSCC) to accept their certification of Canadian Veterans and they accept ours. We are working with them to find US Veteran Business owners operating companies in Canada and to get them certified by NVBDC. We’ve talked to senior level government officials in several European countries already and they want us to work with them to create a similar program for their Vets. We are in discussions with We Connect and look forward to our international expansion in 2020.

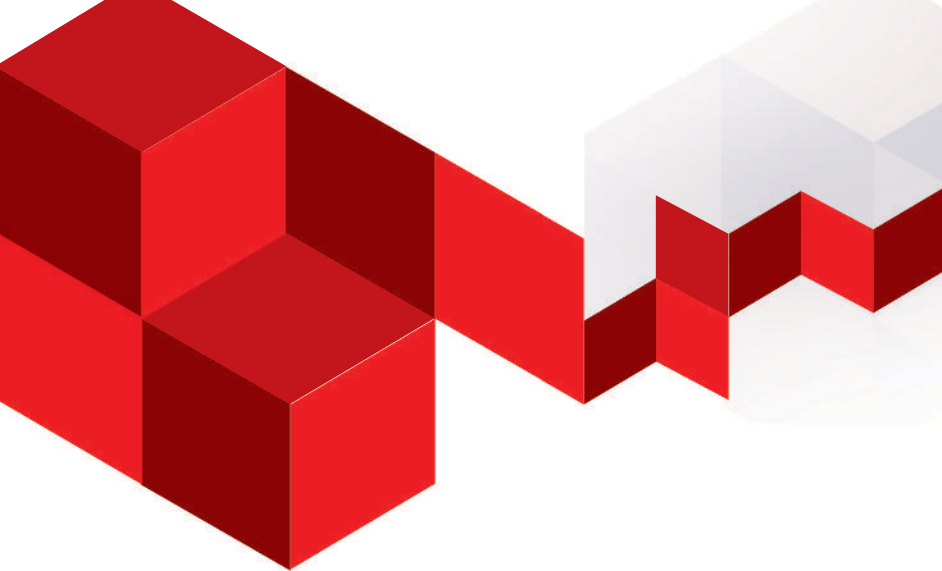


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CONFERENCES

Planning for 2020 conferences is underway now and we have hired a professional event company (women owned) to coordinate our events after an extensive national review. Our two main events are the “Federal Reserve Bank/NVBDC Veteran conference” and our “National Veterans Matchmaking and Vets Night Out event” both events will continue. Dates and locations will be confirmed in early 2020.



National Veterans Memorial and Museum
SITE OF NVBDC'S 2019 “VET'S NIGHT OUT”

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Fund raising continues to be a major focus, obviously necessary to assuring we can provide our certification to Service Disabled and Veteran-owned businesses of ALL sizes and continue to expand our data services to our corporate members. Recognizing the competitiveness of soliciting donations, we now have several board members specifically tasked with gaining additional funds. In 2019 we hired a professional non-profit fund raiser to help us focus on identifying the best organizations and decision maker contacts that will support our efforts to help veteran businesses succeed.

We welcome the involvement of our corporate members who have a philanthropic foundation.



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SUMMARY

Lastly, and most fortunately, we have a very talented and motivated team who have assumed essential organizational responsibilities.

We continue to ask for additions to our Advisory Board and Board of Directors.

"We aggressively solicit ideas and suggestions to improve our Veteran owned business outreach efforts and how we can increase our value to our corporate members."
said Brigadier General (ret) Dick Miller, President, NVBDC.

Please, consider offering us your suggestions and personal involvement.

Sincerely, NVBDC Board of Directors and Officers.

NVBDC's Mission:

The NVBDC is the only Veteran Owned Business Certification organization developed by Veterans, for Veterans. The purpose is to provide a credible and reliable certifying authority for all size businesses ensuring that valid documentation exists of Veteran ownership and control.

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